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Carlson Indicted for Embezzlement from Tribe

GRAND FORKS - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on September 8, 2010, **Kimberly A. Carlson**, 42, of Devils Lake, North Dakota, made an initial appearance in United States District Court on two counts of embezzlement and theft from an Indian tribal organization.

The indictment alleges that Carlson, while employed with the Spirit Lake Office of Victim Assistance, misapplied funds and property belonging to the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe.

The statutory maximum sentence for each count of embezzlement and theft from an Indian tribal organization is five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Purdon stressed that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

A trial for Carlson is scheduled to begin on November 9, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the United States District Courthouse in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Assistant United States Attorney Brandi Sasse Russell is prosecuting the case.

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